

Abstract of the Disclosure

An image reading apparatus has a reading mode to read an image on a still document, and a reading mode to read an image on a moving document, and includes a first reading device to read one surface of the still document at a first reading station and a document moving at a second reading station, and a second reading device for reading the other surface of the document moving at a third reading station. The first, second and third reading stations are arranged adjacent to each other along the document transfer direction. A compact and light weight system capable of stable transport of the document and of quality image reading is thereby attained.